



August 2022 Council Meeting

Monday, August 8, 2022 – Thursday, August 11, 2022

Hybrid Meeting:

The Notary Hotel

(21 N. Juniper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-496-3200)

or via Webex webinar

This meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting. Council members, other meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at The Notary Hotel or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at:

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Agenda

Monday, August 8th

- 3:00 p.m.** *Council Convenes with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Bluefish Management Board*
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** **Bluefish 2023 Specifications (Tab 1)**
- Review recommendations from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff
 - Review previously adopted commercial and recreational catch and landings limits for 2023 and revise as necessary
 - Review and revise 2023 commercial and recreational measures if needed
- 4:30 p.m.** *Council Adjourns*
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **ASMFC Bluefish Board Only**
- ASMFC Bluefish Fishery Management Plan Review

Tuesday, August 9th

- 9:00 a.m.** *Council Convenes with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board*
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **EAFM Recreational Summer Flounder Management Strategy Evaluation (Tab 2)**
- Review MSE model results and work group recommendations
 - Provide feedback and direction for potential application of MSE results

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Summer Flounder 2023 Specifications (Tab 3)

- Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff
- Review previously adopted commercial and recreational catch and landings limits for 2023 and revise as necessary
- Review and revise 2023 commercial measures if needed

----- Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. -----

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Scup 2023 Specifications (Tab 4)

- Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff
- Review previously adopted commercial and recreational catch and landings limits for 2023 and revise as necessary
- Review and revise 2023 commercial measures if needed

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Black Sea Bass 2023 Specifications (Tab 5)

- Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff
- Review previously adopted commercial and recreational catch and landings limits for 2023 and revise as necessary
- Review and revise 2023 commercial measures if needed

4:00 p.m. Council Adjourns

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Board Only

- ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan Review

Wednesday, August 10th

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. BOEM Guidance for Mitigating Impacts of Offshore Wind Energy Projects on Commercial and Recreational Fisheries (Tab 6)

- Review draft guidance and discuss Council comments

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Community Offshore Wind Project (lease OCS-A-0539 off New Jersey) (Tab 7)

- Presentation by RWE representatives

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning (Tab 8)

- Update on draft scenarios and next steps

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Ecosystem and Ocean Planning (EOP) Committee Report (Tab 9)

- Report on EOP Committee / Advisory Panel meeting on potential designation of Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Update on New England Fishery Management Council Activities Affecting Mid-Atlantic (Tab 10)

- Monkfish specifications update
- Potential winter flounder accountability measures for squid fishery
- New England response to Sturgeon Draft Action Plan

- Next steps regarding SCOQ Nantucket Shoals Habitat Management Area

----- Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. -----

- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Butterfish 2023 – 2024 Specifications (Tab 11)**
- Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, and staff
 - Approve 2023-2024 specifications
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Report on *Illex* Squid Research Track Assessment Process (Tab 12)**
- Review report from Consensus Building Institute (CBI)
 - Discussion and recommendations on next steps
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Illex* Preliminary 2023 Specifications (Tab 13)**
- Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, and staff
 - Approve preliminary 2023 specifications
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Update on *Illex* Permit Amendment (Amendment 22 to the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish FMP) (Tab 14)**
- Overview of alternatives that were selected as preferred at final action
 - Update on current status of NMFS rulemaking
- 4:30 p.m. Acknowledgement of Outgoing Council Members**

Thursday, August 11th

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Swearing In of New and Reappointed Council Members**
- 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Election of Officers**
- 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Business Session**
- Committee Reports (Tab 15) – SSC, NTAP**
- Executive Director’s Report (Tab 16) (Dr. Chris Moore)**
- Organization Reports – NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office, NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Office of General Counsel, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard**
- Liaison Reports (Tab 17) – New England Council, South Atlantic Council**
- Other Business and General Public Comment**

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